

COGUT INSTITUTE DIRECTOR POSITION DESCRIPTION

The incoming Director will steward the continued success of the programs and initiatives housed at the Institute, and also help to design and implement a strategic vision for the future, in light of the challenges and opportunities facing the humanities today.

The Cogut Institute offers two doctoral certificate programs (Collaborative Humanities and Digital Humanities) and houses two research centers: the Center for the Early Modern World and the Center for the Environmental Humanities. It convenes a number of active research groups on topics such as disability studies, as well as a multi-year humanities lab on AI and the humanities. It administers the Collaborative Humanities Initiative and long-running fellowship programs for faculty, post-doctoral associates, and graduate and undergraduate students. More details can be found here in the [Director's 2024-25 Annual Report](#).

The Director's areas of responsibility are multi-faceted and wide-ranging. They include:

- Developing and implementing a strategic vision for the Institute that is consistent with University goals but also responsive to the interests of the Brown community, larger trends in the humanities, and broad challenges facing higher education today
- Providing leadership to Institute staff and faculty, fostering a positive work environment, and creating development opportunities for team members
- Building and maintaining relationships with departments, programs, university leadership, and external partners
- Promoting the Institute's work to a public audience, including alumni, donors, and community partners
- Overseeing the development and implementation of programmatic activities including workshops, lectures, conferences, and the weekly Cogut seminar
- Overseeing the development and implementation of academic activities, such as doctoral certificates and HMAN courses
- Managing the Institute's budget and working with Advancement to secure external funds through grant-writing and fund-raising